



# Cove in Bloom

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Cove in Bloom last year achieved a Silver Award for our first year's entry to Beautiful Scotland and that is thanks to the support we had from our sponsors and our residents. Thank you!

We are still fund-raising for our statue of Isie Caie, commemorating the fishing industry in Cove Bay, and we now have two horse-drawn ploughs to restore and site in the village to commemorate the farming history of the area. Our plans for the Welcome Stones along the coast road are progressing well, and these will need plaques or engraving with the logos designed by our primary school children once they are erected, so we will have something to remind us of each of the three historic industries of our area.

In addition to the crocuses and daffodils we planted last year we are taking on some of the beds that the council have been struggling to maintain, and will be planting up three beds along Langdykes Road as well as replanting the raised beds outside the shops beside the library, so we have a lot planned for the coming year – and beyond. Plans for the future include making the coastal path from Cove Bay to Aberdeen into a heritage trail, and increasing the number of hanging baskets around the area.

Our monthly workshops are held in Altens Community Centre at 7.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month, and all are welcome to come along, to learn about what we need to be doing in our gardens and village at this time of year. The workshops are there for all – those who know what they are doing and those who are new to gardening, come along to enjoy the company, help, and advice of other gardeners as well as helping prepare and grow on plants for the community as well as for ourselves.

## **GARDENING TROPHY COMPETITION**

**Join us and enter our competition. We are asking you to take on the responsibility for looking after one specified plant bed or planter**

There is a quarterly competition for the best kept bed or planter, and a certificate will be awarded each quarter, with an annual trophy for the best overall. Enter by sending your name, address and phone number to [jimhenderson@coveinbloom.com](mailto:jimhenderson@coveinbloom.com) and we will contact you to choose the most suitable bed for you to look after for us. You will automatically be entered into the competition as soon as you take over and if your area wins the quarterly competition we will erect a plaque there for the next quarter to recognise your achievement! Some beds and planters are already maintained by certain people – you know who you are, and we really appreciate your efforts, we hope you like this way of showing it!